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Senator Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Cantwell,

Please support the reauthorization of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. As you know, the Ex-Im Bank plays a very important roll in the sale of Boeing aircraft to foreign customers and creates thousands of jobs in Washington State. Please take action now to prevent the expiration of the authority of the Bank to secure sales.

Now, more than ever, we need the U.S. Ex-Im Bank to support manufacturing jobs here at home with loan guarantees for the export of products made by U.S. workers. Congress must approve the Bank's loan guarantee authority immediately and give it adequate funding to ensure that the growing demands by U.S. exporters can be satisfied.

Some groups like Delta Airlines, ALPA and Airlines for America are creating confusion, this time in an effort to stifle the Bank's loan guarantee authority and sacrifice good paying American jobs. Their efforts should be seen for what they really are: self-serving attempts to block the Bank's support for the sale of U.S.-made Boeing 787s to Air India. Without the Ex-Im Bank loan guarantees these sales could otherwise go to the subsidized Airbus manufacturer. (Indeed, Airlines for America, supported and led by Delta, has already challenged the Bank's actions in a federal lawsuit.) The Boeing sale is desperately needed to support thousands of manufacturing and service jobs here at home.

We must not let these jobs disappear while opening the door for European aerospace companies to win valuable manufacturing job creating, orders because they have the financing critical to such a sale. In either event, Air India will buy jets. Let's make sure they "Buy American" and see to it that Americans benefit from the jobs.

The IAM has seen first-hand how the Ex-Im Bank's financing authority has grown U.S. exports and supported good-paying American jobs. Congress should immediately approve funding of the Ex-Im Bank and ensure that it will continue to play a vital role in the U.S. economy.

Please contact Legislative and Political Director Larry Brown at (206) 764-0306 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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